By the Queene.

A Proclamation for bringing into the Realme of vnlawfull and seditious bookes.



Deras divers bookes made of translated by certaine the Ducenes Paicifies subjectes, for the more part remaining on the other syde of the sea, without lawfull licence, contagning sundry matters repugnaunt to trueth, derogatorie to the soveraigne estate of her Paicifie, and stirring and nourishing sedition in this Realme, are commonly in secrete soft here dispearsed by malicious persons among sundry her Paicifies subjectes, to thintent to drawe them to errour,

and withdrawe them fediciously from their dueties and allegiance due to ber Maiestie. as their onlye foueraigne. for redrelle hereof, lyke as of late tyme some mylde example hath ben made in the flarre chaumber at wellminster, in correction of certapne persons founde faultie in the fecrete dispearling, buying, and allowing of funder of the larde fedition ous bookes: So ber Maieltie meaning of her clemencie neither to have any advauntage taken for thinges herein alredy patt, nor any her honest and quiet subjectes to be em tangled with the lyke hereafter for lacke of admonition in due tyme: wylleth and earness The chargeth all maner of persons, to sozbeare betering from the ble or dealing with any such seditious bookes, made of translated by any person, contaying matter derogatorie to the foueraigne effate of her Maieffie, or impugning the orders and rites effablished by lawe for Christian religion and devine service within this Realme, or otherwyse figuring and nourishing matter tending to fedition: and that such as alredy have any of the sayde bookes, thall prefent, or cause to be presented the sayde bookes, within twentie and enabt daves as ter the publishing of this proclamation, to the bythop of the diocesse, or ordinarie of the place, and to receaute of hym a testimonial of the tyme of the deliverie thereof: and without expresse licence in wayting of the sayde bythop or ordinarie, or some archbythop, or other bythop of the Realme, not to kepe or reade any leditious bookes, byon payne of her Baie. ffies areeuous indignation, and to be punified feverely, as the qualitie and circumstaunces of the offence thall require and deferue.

Gruen at her Maiesties pallaice of westminster, the first day of March, 1568, the eleventh yere of her Maiesties raigne.

God saue the Queene.

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A proclamation to represse all piracies and depredations vpon the Seas.

Dealmuch as it is come to the Queenes Patesties benderstanding, by meanes of certagne complayeres, aswell by her owne subjectes as others, that there are sunday persons by on the narowe Seas, of divers nations, and some bosne within her Patesties dominions, having shippes armed in warlike maner, who partly at the first went manifestly to the Seas in maner of marchauntes, thave afterwarde by sinister meanes chaunged their trade, and armed them selves so, the warre: some others have secretly stollen out of obscure places, with a pretence in these troublesome tymes, that are

feene as well east warde betwirt the kingdome of Denmarke a Sweden, and their adherentes, as well warde in the dominions of fraunce, both lamentable to beholde, to ferue on the Seas either on the one part og the other, and yet in deede have at length directed them felues from all lefull feruice of warres, to lyue as pirates, robbyng and spoylyng al maner of honest marchauntes of every nation without difference, whom they are able to subdue. for remedy wherof, although her Maiestie bath of late tyme geuen certapne strayte orders through all her portes, that no maner of perfons, other then knowen marchauntes, thoulde be fuffered to fell or diffribute any maner of wares or marchaundifes in any her portes, nor that any within her Realme hould bittayle, or otherwise relieue any maner of person any wife to be suspected of piracie. Det nowe boon these newe complayntes, her Maiesie finding that therby hath followed no such ful remedy as was loked for: for that purpole her Daiellie hath thought meete to deuile a publifie by her proclamation some further effectual remedy. And therfoze doth straytly charge a communde at maner her subjectes, to fozbeare from apdying of receauting of any pirate, of any person hauring not lefull auctoritie from her Maiestie, of not being a knowen marchaunt, by contracting, bying, felling, of erchaunging, of by bittayling of them of any of their companie, whereby they of any of them halbe the more enhabled to returne to the Seas to commit any piracie og dilogder, bpon payne fog lo doyng to be punifed prefently, as the principall offendours and pirates ought to be. And furthermoze, who foeuer hall berafter arme or prepare any beffel to the fea, except it be fuch as hall by her Daieffies auctoritie be specially appointed to kepe the Seas, as her Maieffie nowe is occasioned to do for some other respectes, or such as thall have expresse licence and permillion by her Maieffie: the same thall gene knowledge to the officers of the portes of their whole furniture, who that duely fearche and bifite the fame, to the intent to flay fuch persons as apparauntly thathe fo furnifted for the warres, and not for marchaundile or fiftyng. Ind if there halbe any maner of fulpition, that the layde person though he chall pretende to trade for marchaundile or fiftyng, hath or may have any intent by his provisions or furniture, other wife then to ble the trade of marchandile, or fishing: that in such cale of suspition, the officers of the portes wall stay, and no wife suffer the same to passe to the Seas, without good bandes by fufficient fuerties first had, to ble nothing but a lefull trade of marchaundife of fifting. And yf the officers thall fuffer any person other wife to repaire to the Seas then about is mentioned, they thall not only aunswere for any piracies which any such person thall chaunce thereafter to do boon the Sea: but thall fuffer imprisonment butell the offendours may be apprehended, if they halbe lyuyng. Maieffie declareth and denounceth all fuch pirates and rouers byon the Seas to be out of her protection, and lefully to be by any person taken, punished, and suppressed with extremitie.

Beuen at her Maiesties Pallaice of westminster, the. profi. day of April, the. pri. pere of her Maiesties most noble raigne.

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